



Public Notice

ND Medicaid Program

Effective on or after January 1, 2017, the Department of Human Services is proposing amendments to the Medicaid State Plan that allows for services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The proposed amendment will redefine day supports to include employment related services and reflect current practices in the units of service and auditing sections. There are no rate changes as result of the amendment.

Effective January 1, 2017, North Dakota Medicaid providers of services to individuals with Developmental Disabilities will receive rate enhancements, which includes those authorized and appropriated by the 2015 Legislative Assembly. The rate enhancements are a result of six different funding targets identified by the Legislative Assembly to receive additional funding. The six areas are: (1) Children with Intense Medical Needs, (2) Children with Challenging Behavioral Needs, (3) Children who are Severely Medically Fragile, (4) Individuals residing in Family Homes with Intense Medical Needs, (5) Individuals residing in Adult Residential settings with Intense Medical Needs, and (6) Providers who serve clients with Critical Needs. The rate enhancements are estimated to cost \$2.3 million for a 6-month period.

The January 1, 2017 Inflationary Increases for Nursing Facilities and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities will not be granted. This is estimated to save approximately \$2.4 million for the six months from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Effective January 1, 2017, rebasing, Operating Margin, and Incentive payments will not be included in the nursing home rates. This is estimated to save approximately \$4.8 million for the six months from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Effective January 1, 2017, the operating margin within the rates for Basic Care Providers will be removed from the rates. This is estimated to save approximately \$160,000 for the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Effective on or after January 1, 2017, the Medicaid copayment for non-emergent use of the emergency room will be eliminated. This change is expected to have an annual impact of less than \$10,000.

The Medicaid State Plan is being amended effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017 for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) paid by a Medicaid managed care entity. Reimbursement will be at least the Medicaid established rate for FQHC visits. This change is expected to have minimal fiscal impact for a 12-month period.

Comments can be sent to and viewed at: Medical Services Division Room 309, ND Department of Human Services, 600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Questions may be directed to the local county social service office, or individuals may contact the ND Medicaid Program at 1-800-755-2604.

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